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Bill lived a remarkable maverick double existence throughout much of his career. Covertly he specialised in infiltration and investigatory assignments while working for intelligence agencies including MI5, MI6, the CIA and Faire Sans Dire (see later). Overtly, he was a British Chartered Accountant and became a director of several well-known businesses in the regulated international financial services sector. Before that, he worked as an accountant at Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) for 14 years until 1983.

He was born in England in 1950. In the early seventies Bill qualified as a Chartered Accountant and unwittingly started working for MI5 and MI6. In 1978 he, along with Colonel Alan Pemberton CVO MBE and Barrie Parkes BEM from British Intelligence, co-founded a niche global intelligence agency known as "Faire Sans Dire". Since then that organisation has operated under many guises, as has the author.

Apart from running Faire Sans Dire for over forty years, Bill has also worked as a bean counter in both practice and industry. During his career he has been a director and executive of several renowned international businesses (in the Barclays Bank Group, the Reuters Group and Citigroup). He's trod on the tails of many fat cats and investigated and despatched some household name villains over the decades.

For more information about Bill Fairclough please visit the websites etc referred to below:

Some of Bill's published biographies et al: Everipedia https://everipedia.org/wiki/bill-fairclough, TheBurlingtonFiles website https://theburlingtonfiles.org/#/the-author, WikiTree https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Fairclough-119, WikiSpooks https://wikispooks.com/wiki/Bill_Fairclough and https://wikispooks.com/wiki/User:DoubleAgent, LinkedIn http://uk.linkedin.com/in/billfairclough, Instagram photographs https://www.instagram.com/fairclough_bill/

Background material on The Burlington Files: http://www.theburlingtonfiles.org, https://everipedia.org/wiki/the-burlington-files, https://everipedia.org/wiki/edward-burlington, https://everipedia.org/wiki/beyond-enkription

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